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Re: Eastern Diversified Metals Site Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Stonelake:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") identified Theodore Sall, Inc. ("Sall") as a potentially responsible party for the contamination at the Eastern Diversified Metals Site in a notice letter dated March 13, 1987. In addition, Sall was given sixty (60) calendar days to enter into a Consent Order with EPA to conduct a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS). As you know, this period of time has expired.

EPA will allow Sall, as well as other parties, until June 8, 1987 to present a serious offer to enter into a Consent Order with EPA to conduct an RI/FS at the site. A serious offer is one that includes a statement of willingness to conduct an RI/FS in full compliance with EPA standards and regulations, states which potentially responsible party or combination of parties will be in charge of the RI/FS, identifies the contractor(s) that will do the work, and expresses a willingness to reimburse EPA's oversight costs. If Sall and the other parties decide not to conduct the RI/FS or if we do not receive a response by June 8, 1987, EPA will conduct an RI/FS with no further notification. If Sall and/or the other parties decide to conduct an RI/FS at the site and submit an appropriate offer, EPA will allow reasonable additional time to finalize the Consent Order. If you have any questions please call Francisco Barba at (215) 597-8309 or Lawrence Falkin at (215) 597-8981.

Bruce P. Smith, Chief

Hazardous Waste Enforcement Branch

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